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NIDDERDALE RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICERS'
ANNUAL REPORT.

for the
Year Ended 31st December,
1941.



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C O U N C I L .

The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year
ended 31st December, 1941.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Nidderdale Rural District Council.

My, Lord Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting for your
consideration our Annual Report for the year 1941.

This year as in the previous year the
Ministry of Health ask only for a short interim report reserving
statistics of sanitary matters and housing until a later date.

Your obedient Servants,

J.M. Benson.
W.J. Forbes.

Medical Officers of Health.

NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health.	(J.M. Benson, M.B., B. Ch., Edin. (W.J. Forbes, M.B., B. Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Food Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres).....	75,004.
Registrar-General's estimated Resident Population.....	13,370.
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1941.).....	3,675.
Rateable Value.....	£59,601.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£243.16.8.
Social Conditions. Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants.....	
	Total. M. F.
Live Births. (Legitimate. 156. 94. 62.)	Total. 176.
(Illegitimate. 20. 8. 12.)	
Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.....	13.1.
	Total. M. F.
Still Births (Legitimate. 9. 7. 2.)	Total. 10.
(Illegitimate. 1. - 1.)	
Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.....	53.
Deaths: Males 66 : Females 74.....	140.
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population.....	10.3.
Death Rate from Puerperal Sepsis (No.29).....	Nil.
Death Rate from other Puerperal Causes (No.30).....	Nil.
Puerperal Death rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.....	Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-	
All Infants per 1,000 live Births.....	45.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births.....	44.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live Births.....	5.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....	29.
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....	2.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).....	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year requiring comment.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply The general position regarding water supplies is the same as covered by the last Annual Report.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

Routine inspection has been made but owing to reduction in staff due to War conditions the inspections have been very much curtailed. Generally speaking, the majority of buildings are good but there are a number of very unsatisfactory sheds and methods of handling milk. Samples of new milk have been taken and two prosecutions made, - one for adulteration and one for using bottles with another person's name thereon.

Drainage and Sewerage.

New sewers are required in a number of the parishes and as soon as conditions permit they should be completed. Certain works have been carried out to improve polluted ditches but these can only be considered temporary.

Rivers and Streams.

No written complaints of pollution of rivers and streams have been received during the year, but the Rivers Board have made inspections and dealt with pollution from private disposals and have also named Parishes where drainage disposal will have to be dealt with as soon as circumstances permit.

Public Cleansing.

Scavenging by the Council by direct labour over part of the area is very satisfactory but the Parishes not scavenged have difficulty in getting their ashes and night soil removed. Tins, paper, bottles, jars etc., are being collected systematically from the whole area by the Council and the results are very commendable.

Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.,

Several camping grounds have been licensed. There are a small number of trailer caravans isolated about the area, these are usually on sites where good water and sanitation are obtainable.

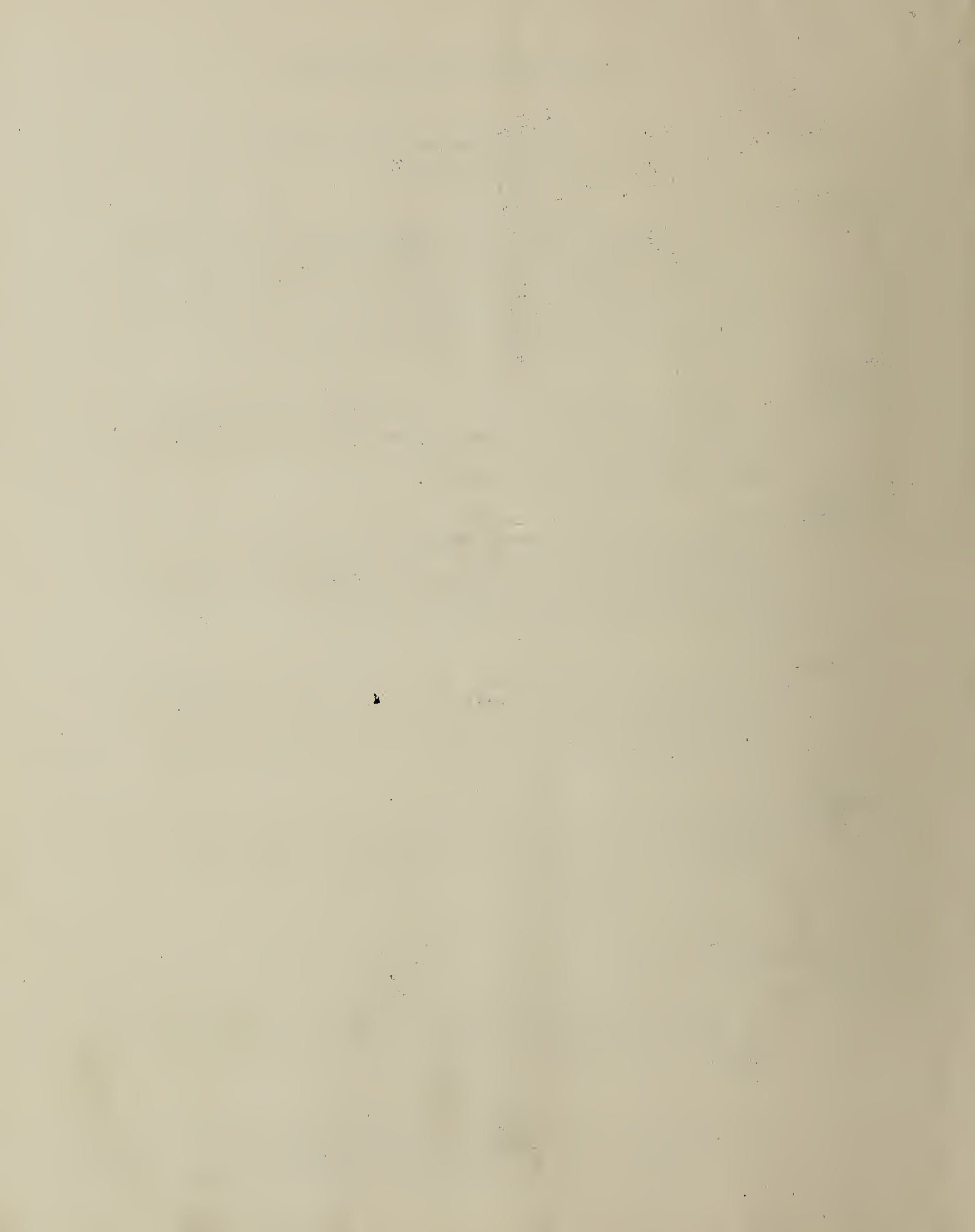
EASTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply.

The sources of supply are from boreholes and Pumping Stations at Grafton, and Green Hammerton. The water is distributed by the Council to 17 Townships. There has been no extension during the year.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The majority of buildings are good but structural alterations are necessary in many cases. Routine inspections of the Cowsheds are made and samples of milk examined bacteriologically.



Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of sewers during the year - various Parishes require sowing and there is some inadequacy of Sewage Disposal works, with complaints from the West Riding Rivers Board.

Public Cleansing.

Complete scavenging is made at Boroughbridge and Roecliffe. Tins and etc., are collected from the whole area.

WHOLE DISTRICT.

Housing.

There is a lack of housing accommodation for Rural Workers.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

There were 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 11 of Diphtheria, 87 of Measles, 54 Whooping Cough and 12 of Pneumonia.

Diphtheria immunisation has been carried out and the percentage immunised in the District is above the average.

Tuberculosis.

3 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 6 Non-Pulmonary were notified during the year. This is less than in the previous year.

Causes of Death at all Ages.

The principal causes of death were:-

Heart Disease.	40.
Cancer.	29.
Pneumonia.	7.

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